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## COMMITTEE ON OVERHEAD RECONNAISSANCE

Minutes of Meeting Held in Room 214  
Administration Building, Central Intelligence Agency  
at 9:30 a.m., 6 December 1960

## PRESIDING

James Q. Reber  
Chairman

## MEMBERS PRESENT

Col. L. E. May, USAF  
Deputy Chairman  
Col. T. L. Fisher, JCS  
Col. J. W. Boucher, OACSI

Capt. F. M. Murphy, ONI  
Col. J. W. Winterbottom, AFCIN  
[redacted] NSA  
Mr. W. A. Tidwell, Jr., CIA

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## \* CONSULTANTS PRESENT

Lt. Col. J. W. Morris, OACSI  
Mr. W. F. Farrell, OACSI  
Capt. F. Weldon, ONI  
Cdr. H. D. Myles, ONI  
Cdr. J. T. Douglas, ONI  
Lt. Col. T. J. Herron, AFCIN  
Maj. G. S. Chapman, AFCIN  
Maj. W. G. Biely, AFCIN  
Capt. C. J. Houlihan, AFCIN  
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Mr. A. C. Lundahl, CIA

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Gen. P. G. Strong, CIA

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Mr. F. A. Voigt, CIA

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Executive Session

1. Gen. P. G. Strong of CIA briefed the members of a project control of which is SECRET "need-to-know."
2. Captain Weldon of ONI gave a briefing on a highly secure project.

Presentation on SAMOS Shot 2102

3. Colonel Winterbottom introduced Colonel Herron who gave a briefing at the SECRET level on the last aborted SAMOS shot and the next planned shot.

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Approval of Minutes

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4. COMOR-M-5 was approved as submitted.

Proposed Additions to "Highest Priority Targets/USSR"

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8. The Navy and CIA member requested that consideration of this paper be postponed until the next meeting since they had not had an opportunity to study the paper.

9. In the course of the discussion Colonel May indicated that he thought the highest priority list (COMOR-D-3) and the concept which it represented was now outdated because of the move from manned aircraft to satellite reconnaissance. He felt the approach now should be by area. It was recalled that the Air Force is preparing for tabling at the COMOR a study along the lines of Colonel May's comment (see COMOR-M-5, para 8).

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Change of CHALICE Codeword

11. [ ] of Operations announced to the Committee the upcoming announcement of a change in the codeword for U-2 operations from CHALICE to IDEALIST. Specifically, the ChiNat operation would be named IDEALIST/TACKLE. The purpose of this codeword would be to protect the fact that the U.S. is involved in the ChiNat effort. He said that the announcement which would go to the agencies would also request a re-examination of rosters of those now cleared for CHALICE to see which of them could be debriefed. 50X1

Parameters of the T-KH Certification

12. The Committee discussed the question of the extent of the T-KH certification. It was noted that none of the operational facts such as CIA involvement, contractors, and pre-flight information were included. However, the fact that the photography came from a satellite and the data involved in the exploitation and the use of the photography were included. It was noted also that the association of the photography with Discoverer was essential in order to avoid speculation or careless comment. Major Moran pointed out that the security briefing speaks only of satellite photography which could not apply to SAMOS which is at the SECRET level. He felt the briefing statement should specifically identify what satellite photography is to be protected by the T-KH system.

13. The Chairman stated that he would submit to the Committee, after consideration with the Project Director, a paper defining the parameters of the T-KH clearance specifically. 50X1

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JAMES Q. REBER

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